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Cloudy tonight and Tuesday with probably rain or snow; cooler tonight

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Wilson Investigates Stories of Executions of Federals Following Capture of Juarez by Rebels

RUMORS THAT LIND IS GOING TO QUIT VERA CRUZ UNTRUE

O'Shaughnessy Likewise Will Remain at Mexico City Until Passports Are Handed Him.

WILSON IS STILL HOPEFUL

Washington Administration Not Concerned Over Ousting of Huerta's Minister of the Interior—Not This Government's Affair, It Is Said—Huerta's Finances Low.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—Despite rumors circulated here this morning, it is definitely known that John Lind, envoy of President Wilson to Mexico, is not preparing to leave Vera Cruz aboard a battleship, nor is Consul Canada getting ready to close the American consulate at the same place.

Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy has not prepared to close the American embassy at Mexico City, in spite of the fact that persistent rumors have gained headway that would seem to indicate the situation had become decidedly acute. President Wilson, on the contrary, is still confident that diplomacy will yet solve the Mexican problem.

The above facts were made clear today by the president at this conference with newspaper correspondents. He still believes that progress is being made in the direction of peace in Mexico.

The president reaffirmed plainly that the stories of Lind's leaving, as well as the rumors regarding O'Shaughnessy and Canada, who were said to be about to take a hurried departure from Mexico, are all "fakes." The president said that O'Shaughnessy would not leave unless Huerta handed him his passports.

The Washington administration was not in the least concerned, it was stated, at the ousting of Huerta's minister of the interior, Garcia Aldape, the incident not being considered any of the government's affair.

Huerta, it was pointed out, has had his cash supplies from outside the country cut off and when the present cash is exhausted, it is expected that the dictator's lieutenants will desert him and nothing will be left for him to do but get out in a hurry.

Should it develop, however, that Huerta administration is being financed through underground channels, it was stated, the rebels will be encouraged in their attempt to capture Mexico City.

Raising the embargo on arms, it was learned, would be the administration's last step, but it was hoped to avoid it.

The president is investigating stories of the wholesale execution of federal prisoners by General Villa at Juarez. Should the stories prove true, it could not be learned how the information would affect the negotiations with General Carranza.

STRIKE ON SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS NEAR END

DIVISION OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN EFFORT TO ADJUST TROUBLE.

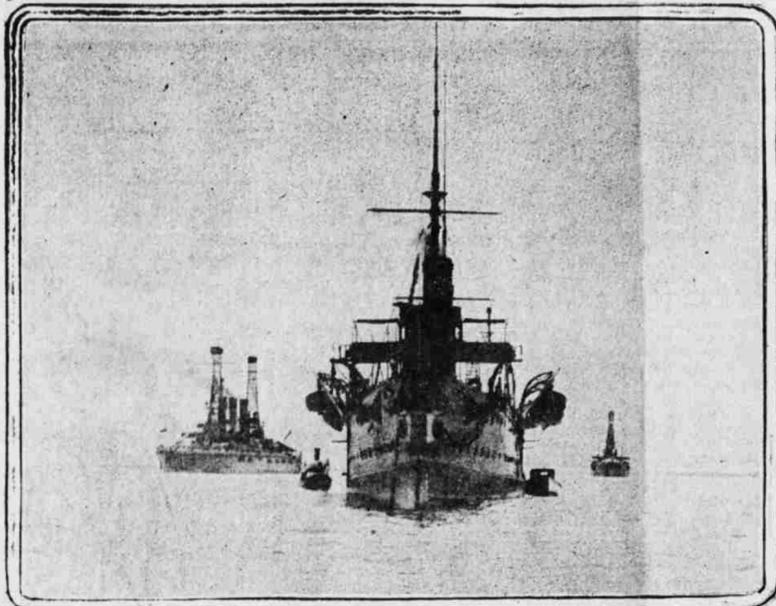
HOUSTON, Nov. 17.—That the strike on the Atlantic division of the Southern Pacific has been settled was stated today at the headquarters of the United trainmen's union.

It is understood that the general offices of the railroad at New York have ordered the division officials to meet the committee from the trainmen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The striking trainmen on the Southern Pacific between El Paso and New Orleans have agreed to return to work immediately pending the outcome of further negotiations. It was stated today by members of the federal board of mediation. Plans of arbitration will be discussed this afternoon, it was added.

Witness Against Horse Thieves. Sheriff T. D. Taylor is today in Canyon City as a witness against J. B. Jingles, Dan Caldwell, James Clark, Lester Goff and Conrad Fix, alleged horse thieves. J. A. Fee is also there assisting in the prosecution.

AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS STATIONED IN HARBOR OF VERA CRUZ



This photograph was taken at Vera Cruz and shows some of the American fighting craft which are now in Mexican waters.

CAPTURED CITY IS SAID TO BE QUIET

REBEL GENERAL VILLA IS KEEPING ORDER; CARRANZA MAY GO TO JUAREZ ALSO

Eight More Prisoners are Reported to Have Been Executed But Commander of Rebels Denies Rumors—Says One Killed Trying to Escape

EL PASO, Nov. 17.—General Villa is keeping excellent order in Juarez, the city captured from the federals on Saturday after an early morning assault.

He has chosen his municipal officials from among the citizens with Jose Velarde as mayor. The port has been opened for importations. General Carranza is expected to transfer his headquarters to Juarez.

Villa today repeated his denial that eight more prisoners were executed, though one man, he said, was killed while attempting to escape.

Those who have already been executed were punished for treason, he said. It has been unofficially confirmed, however, that they included Colonel Contreras and Captain Portillo of the federal garrison.

Villa is understood to be planning the immediate resumption of the attack on Chihuahua city against which the rebels have been operating for some time but where hostilities were suspended last week for a descent on Juarez.

Federal prisoners today were employed in digging graves for the men killed in Saturday's fighting. Some of them, it was said, have asked permission to join the rebels. They probably will be allowed to do so.

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 17.—Admiral Von Hintze, the German minister here, called on the commander of the German cruiser Uebersing, now in Mexican waters, to go to San Blas and take off refugees from Tepic which he heard is in danger of attack from the rebels.

NOGALES, Arizona, Nov. 17.—The proposed rebel attack on Mazatlan was postponed today. All is reported quiet on the west coast of Mexico in dispatches received here today. No word has been received from Yviro, the capital of the state of Tamaulipas, where it is reported a battle is likely. General Carranza and Halle held no further conference today.

LAREDO, Texas, Nov. 17.—Suffering dreadful hardships on the road, 300 American refugees, half of whom were women and children, arrived yesterday at Monterey, according to messages received at Laredo. The party is traveling from Torreon to this city. One child died on the way and one was born. The United States government is paying the expenses of the party.

Wall Collapses; 11 Dead. CEDAR RAPIDS, Nov. 17.—Eleven are dead and one is dying as the result of a collapse of a rear wall and floor of a building in the course of construction for Lyman brothers.

NEWS SUMMARY

- General.
- Captured city of Juarez is reported quiet.
- President Wilson investigates stories of wholesale executions by General Villa, the rebel commander.
- John Lind will not leave Mexico at this time.
- Strikers and gunmen at Calumet engage in fight.
- Strike on Southern Pacific is ended, Local.
- Columbia George gets 20 years in prison.
- One man killed and three have narrow escape in Umatilla wreck.
- Assessor Strain at Salem to protest against omission of valuation of county property.
- Commissioners reply to Dr. Best's charges.
- Mrs. Ella Cunningham and Hugh Ross, aged residents, pass away.
- University of Oregon will do extension work here this week.
- Knights of Columbus hold big initiation here.
- Pendleton will play Walla Walla Friday.
- Measles gets all but one pupil of country school.

MEMBERS OF WATER COMMISSION REPLY TO BEST'S CHARGE

Extra Money Paid Frank Kelsay Was for Extra Work They Declare—Elliot Works for City.

"If Dr. Best should amputate the foot of a patient and then later find it necessary to amputate the leg at the knee and again higher up, the one case necessitating three operations, would his charges be the same as they would have been had the first operation been all required?"

This is the answer of other members of the water commission to the charges made by Commissioner Best Saturday that Engineer Frank C. Kelsay has been paid more than, under his contract, he has been entitled to. As before stated in this paper, they freely admit that the sums paid to Engineer Kelsay during the past five years have not been all for work performed under the written agreement reprinted in Dr. Best's article of Saturday. The records have shown this clearly and there has been no attempt to hide the fact.

They explain again that Engineer Kelsay made his first survey, under the direction of the water commission, for a pressure pipe line and, later when the commission decided to use cement pipe and construct a gravity line, it was necessary for him to make an entirely new survey inasmuch as the first line followed up the river while for a gravity line, a hydraulic grade is necessary. Under the direction of the commission, the engineer also ran a line to the North Fork when that stream was considered as a possible source of supply. It is not reasonable, they contend, that any engineer would run three surveys for the price of one. They did not expect it, they say, and paid him the extra money readily. They also paid him extra money for services in locating the lines of the land purchased at Thorn Hollow, for extra blue prints and for services as a witness in the condemnation suits.

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As for the charge that the commission is paying a man \$200 a month when, under the contract, this man should draw his pay from the engineer, the other members brand the statement as deliberately false. T. P. Elliot, the man referred to, is hired directly by the commission as its foreman on the work at Thorn Hollow and has no connection with Mr. Kelsay, they state. "Mr. Elliot is no more in the employ of Mr. Kelsay than is any man we have employed at the springs," declared Chairman Will Moore. "He was hired by the commission as a foreman to superintend the work which the commission reserved for itself. He has directed the laying of all of the pipe leading from the springs to the gate house, has superintended the excavation along the rock bluffs for a distance of 8000 feet, and all other work which has not been contracted. Under our contract with Mr. Kelsay, he is to have a competent engineer on the job as an inspector and his man is Mr. Zeldbach. Last year the work which was done under the superintendency of Mr. Elliot was done at a cost of \$145 a yard where as the original estimate was \$200. This year the work has cost \$155 a yard and we expect to do all of this work at Thorn Hollow at a saving of 25 per cent over the original estimate. That is why we are doing it ourselves and why we have employed a competent man as foreman. We pay him the salary he can command any other place for the reason that it has been our experience that a cheap man is costly."

Regarding the figures submitted by Dr. Best regarding the payment of surveyors' expenses from Tacoma, the commission admit that they paid such charges. "It is a customary procedure," they say, "when surveyors are not to be had in the immediate vicinity."

As for the charge that Chairman Moore paid \$175 for a team of horses that is worth not more than \$75, the commissioners explain again that the horses were secured from A. B. Cooley with the understanding that, if after 30 days use, they proved satisfactory, he would be paid \$175 and, if not, he would be paid for their use. Marion Jack, member of the commission and a well known farmer, declared it is his belief that the horses were worth \$175 and the commission paid it. Moreover, they declare their belief that they cannot at this time secure such horses for a cent less. Also they intimate that the cause of Dr. Best's dissatisfaction with the bargain lies in the fact that the commission did not purchase horses from him or allow him to make the purchase.

Relative to the charges that certain bills were not itemized before payment, the commissioners call attention to the certain bill submitted by Dr. Best on Sept. 14 for expenses

INDIAN GIVEN TWENTY YEARS FOR HIS CRIME

Columbia George Sentenced at Portland by Federal Judge Robert Bean Who Held Trial Here.

GOES TO FEDERAL PRISON

Redman Will Be Sent to McNeil's Island to Serve His Sentence—Was Convicted of Second Degree Murder for Killing Aged Squaw—Has Served Prison Term Before.

Columbia George, two-time murderer, who was convicted last week by a jury in this city following a nine-day trial in the federal court, was this morning sentenced to twenty years in the federal prison at McNeil's Island, according to a message received here from Portland. Judge Robert S. Bean, who sat on the bench during the trial, passed the sentence.

The jury brought in a verdict of second degree murder, the evidence in the case being entirely circumstantial, and the penalty for conviction on this charge in the federal court is a sentence ranging from ten years to life. In giving him twenty years, Judge Bean practically imposed the maximum penalty on Columbia George, inasmuch as he is 51 years old now. During the trial, he testified he was 75 but all of the government records show that statement to have been false.

In returning to McNeil's Island, the Indian once again becomes a convict in an institution with which he is very familiar. Once before, when convicted of the murder of Anna Edna, he was sentenced for life imprisonment there but was pardoned about three years ago by President Taft. His previous sentence on a similar charge precluded the possibility of the judge imposing the minimum penalty, and as the slayer of El-mot, it is doubtless that he will live the balance of his years within the confines of the prison walls.

STRAIN WILL PROTEST AGAINST HIGH VALUATION

ASSESSOR GOES TO SALEM TO EIGHT PROPOSED RAISE IN UMATILLA COUNTY.

To protest against the raising of the assessed valuation of Umatilla county, both in defense of his own estimates and as a representative of the Pendleton Commercial association, Assessor C. P. Strain is in Salem today to meet with the state tax commission. Upon learning the intentions of the commission, the board of managers held a meeting Saturday afternoon and empowered the assessor to represent them in remonstrating against the proposed increase. They also named W. J. Furnish, Dr. C. J. Smith, T. C. Taylor and George Hartman, Sr., now residents of Portland, but still extensive property holders in this county, as delegates to the meeting of the commission.

According to the statement made by Assessor Strain Saturday, it has been represented to the commission that the property of Umatilla county is now assessed at only 67 cents on the dollar whereas the law requires a full value assessment. Assessor Strain contends that he has made a 100 per cent assessment as nearly as possible and cites numerous instances where the purchase price of a piece of property had coincided or nearly so with its assessed valuation.

Horses, he stated, he is assessing at an average price of \$77 a head, and it is believed that this is an even greater value than sales will show. Mr. Strain attributes the proposed increase to the action of the O-W. U. & N. company, stating that the company has had men at work for the past year compiling figures to show that the company property is being assessed at a higher valuation than other property in the county. Umatilla county property, exclusive of the property of public service corporations, the valuation of which is fixed by the state commission, is this year assessed at something over \$18,000,000 and the taxpayers. This year upon that valuation, they will be required to pay into the state in taxes about \$219,999. If, as contended, the assessments are now being made upon a 67 per cent valuation, it can readily be seen that this county, under a 100 per cent valuation, would be required to pay more than \$300,000 into the state. Therefore, the question is of material interest to every taxpayer.

ONE LABORER KILLED IN WRECK AT UMATILLA

STRIKERS ENGAGE IN FIGHT IN MICHIGAN COPPER FIELDS

COAL CHUTES ARE DEMOLISHED WHEN TRAIN LEAVES RAILS AND CRASHES DOWN

WELL KNOWN WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY OF APOPLEXY

END COMES FEW HOURS AFTER WARMS—WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE HOME FOR VISIT

BOY TRIES SUICIDE WHEN PARENTS SEND HIM TO SCHOOL

PORTLAND ORE, Nov. 17.—Because his parents insisted that he attend school instead of being employed with a millinery concern, Verney Enrick, 13, shot and slightly wounded himself. The bullet grazed his forehead.

FIREMEN ON STRIKE. LAWRENCE, Mass., Nov. 17.—The firemen employed in local textile mills struck today. There are but 450 of them but should they stay out long the mills will have to close, throwing 35,000 operatives out of work.

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